



BOROONDARA NETBALL ASSOCIATION: FINALS - CODE OF CONDUCT

SCORERS

- Ensure one scorer from each team are standing together and away from other spectators to avoid scoring disputes.

TEAM MANAGERS

- Provide your own ball, bibs & first aid kit – do not rely on borrowing bibs from the office
- Ensure that all players are wearing the correct uniform

Ensure that ALL players are ELIGIBLE – read the BNA by-laws available on the website

- Players may only participate in ONE finals series ie) cannot play for 2 teams / clubs
 - Players may not play in sections LOWER than the section they have qualified in during the season
 - Players must have played a minimum of 5 games with the team / club to qualify
 - Names on score sheets WILL be checked.
- Our competition is a “modified mixed” competition and we encourage the participation of ALL.

COACHES

- Please encourage your players to be respectful towards the other team players, coach and UMPIRES - disrespectful behaviour & language by any player should be recognised by removal of the offending player from the court at the next interval.
 - Treat your own players with respect. Do not be critical of anyone in public – reward positive behaviour and try to be fair in rotating court time particularly in junior age groups.
- Ensure that your team congratulates the opposition and the umpires at the end of the match.
- You should also congratulate the opposition coach.
- Remember, one team will win and one team will lose and the behaviour of you as the coach / mentor will be reflected in how your players react. You have made the finals ahead of other teams and this is a major achievement in itself.
- Only the CAPTAIN may approach an umpire during an interval – not the coach or parents
 - Coaches MAY coach from the sidelines but may not direct play

PLAYERS

- Enjoy the experience whether you win or lose – at least you got there!
- Do not use inappropriate language towards anyone on or off the court.
- Do not deliberately cause contacts or use undue rough play
- Don't criticise umpires – they will make some mistakes (and so will you) but none are biased or “out to get you”
- If your parents / friends are criticising umpires, coaches or the other team, ask them to stop.
- Don't try to “show off” in front of parents or friends – it is always very obvious.
- Applaud good play by both teams
- Treat umpires and other players as you would want to be treated yourself.

PARENTS / SPECTATORS

- Do not put undue pressure on your daughters to win at all costs – put it into perspective - this is Saturday, social, fun netball
- Players learn by example, particularly from parents
- If you disagree with an umpires' decision, remind yourself that you are looking at it from a very different - and biased – perspective so keep it to yourself.
- Respect the value of umpires and coaches as without them, your daughters would not have the opportunity to play
- If you cannot accept the possibility of losing then don't come at all!
- Disputes at the court side will NOT BE TOLERATED and will result in teams being disqualified from the finals series.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS

- If you are concerned about the behaviour of any player, coach, umpire, spectator, please ask for the court supervisor to witness the behaviour first hand – we cannot respond to grievances based upon “biased here say” after the match.
- Do not bring your grievance to the office as it will not be “heard” – follow the correct protocol and respect the fact that administrators are also there to enjoy the day
- If you wish to make a grievance after the game, please follow the correct BNA protocol available on the website.

UMPIRES

- Look the part – wear white & make sure your whistle is loud and authoritative. If players / spectators think you are confident, they are less likely to bully you.
- Respect the players, coaches and spectators – most are very supportive of you and are not the “enemy”
- However, do not tolerate verbal abuse by spectators, coaches or players – if you need support from the court supervisor, just ask for it. We are on your side!
- There is no way that your decisions will please both sides all of the time so try to ignore passing “comments”.

Let's all ENJOY the day whether we are players, umpires, coaches, spectators or administrators!